

Dear Mr. May,

If I did not
give you to know in what
a press of duty to our survivors
I even write in these days,
I fear you would not allow
even Friend Turk to be a justifi-
cation for sending you
such an illegible reply to
yours

So welcome I valued
 letters. Let me plead
 the justifications offered by
 the bad writer to his prince
 "I fear it may not be legible"
 but out of respect I write
 to you with my own hand.
 I have on the next
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page, just come to tell
you that the Statue of
Harriet Martineau, herve
Sage, seated, - is to be finished
ere long. The whole sum
needed is subscribed & paid,
into \$2500. The present
idea of those concerned
is to have it cast in

George? I think it does
the artist, Miss Anne
Whitney, the highest
honour as a sculptor.

My kindest regards
to Mrs May & your
daughters.

always your affectionate
M. W. Chapman.